

REMARKS

Applicant proposes to further limit independent claims 1, 2 and 16 so that Oberst's vice could not be read on them at all. Oberst shows buffers, which might be considered fit to conform to difficult shapes even if they could not do that perfectly because they are heterogeneous. It is true that there are two reasons to regard Oberst as not belonging to the relevant prior art:

- (1) it is provided with a means (a screw) to get the clamping force from a strong amplification of the human strength; so it cannot give a precise tactile perception of the gradualness of the clamping,
- (2) its late filing date might result from a late conception of invention.

However applicant prefers avoiding any unnecessary cause of conflict in the future.

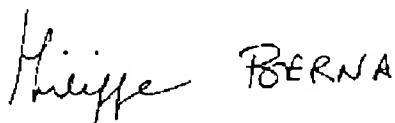
What is proposed here for further limiting independent claims 1, 2 and 16 consists in specifying that the support part in the present invention is cylindrical all along. That is not the case in Oberst: the support part of the movable part includes a screw, which is a non-cylindrical part.

Applicant would appreciate to receive the opinion of the Examiner upon this further limitation, in the context of his constructive assistance provided pursuant to M.P.E.P. §707.07 (j).

Correction of substitute specification is going on with emphasis put on the correction of drawings.

Applicant thanks in advance the Examiner for any further constructive assistance pursuant to M.P.E.P. §707.07 (j).

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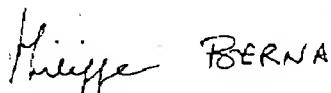
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